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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to register my concern over the proposed Microsoft settlement. I am concerned that this settlement does not ensure that Microsoft will in fact document its operating system APIs to Independent Software Vendors in the same manner as it does to its own Application Developers.

Microsofts ability to include significant application components as part of the operating system makes me wonder how ISVs will be able to compete. Lets face it. MS makes good applications. I use them everyday. But much of the code is included in the operating system. When ISV applications are compared to MSs they appear to consume significantly more resources and so on. If ISVs are allowed to use those same OS/Application APIs, then we will all benefit.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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